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SUBJECT: JAPAN SEES WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AS SUCCESS

SUMMARY: GOJ VIEWS WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC) RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN ROME AS HAVING BEEN GENERALLY A SUCCESS, ACCORDING TO ASSESSMENT PREPARED BY FONOFF. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY OBTAINED FROM FONOFF UN BUREAU ITS ASSESSMENT OF WFC, WHICH IT VIEWED AS GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

2. DESPITE ITS BREVITY (10 DAYS), CONFERNECE ESTABLISHED STARTING POINT FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION BY REACHING SUBSTANTIAL CONSENSUS ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT STEPS WHICH NEED TO BE TAKEN:

A. INCREASE WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION;

B. STRENGTHEN WORLD FOOD STOCKS;

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C. EXPAND FOOD AID;

D. ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM.

3. PARTICUPATION OF USSR AND PRC -- USSR PARTICIPATING FOR FIRST TIME IN DISCUSSION OF WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS, AND PRC AS RELATIVELY NEW MEMBER OF FAO -- WAS IMPORTANT EVEN THOUGH NOT PARTICULARLY POSITIVE IN THAT IT COMMENCED THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD FOOD MATTERS AND POSSIBLY SIGNALLED THEIR RECOGNITION THAT THEY CANNOT REMAIN APART FROM EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS. PROBLEM IS HOW TO INVOLVE THEM IN FUTURE, FOR EXAMPLE THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN STOCKS, FOOD AID, INFORMATION SYSTEM IN PRINCIPLE AND APPEARS PREPARED TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING THEREIN.

4. NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS, WHILE EVIDENT, DID NOT REACH STAGE OF STERILE CONFRONTATION AS IN SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA, IN PART AS RESULT OF RATHER REASONABLE POSITION FINALLY TAKEN BY GROUP OF 77 ON SOME MATTERS.

5. VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FUND WAS WELCOME INDICATION OF INVOLVEMENT OF OIL PRODUCERS IN PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT, EVEN THOUGH DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT AND EFFECTIVENESS TO BE DEMONSTRATED BY FUTURE ACTIONS.

6. FOREGOING IS ROUGH, PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT. SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, E.G., FOR RESERVES AND EXPERTS GROUP, WILL NEED TO BE CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY. NEVERTHELESS, GOJ CONSIDERS WFC SUBSTANTIALLY SUCCESSFUL AS UN CONFERENCES GO.  
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